

FAQs

Andrews and Gladys Infrastructure Improvements: A Clean Water Lakewood Project

What is Clean Water Lakewood?

Clean Water Lakewood is our city's plan to improve and modernize our 100-year-old sewer system to reduce combined sewer overflows into Lake Erie and Rocky River meet the requirements of the USEPA's Clean Water Act.

How does the Andrews and Gladys Infrastructure Improvements project relate to Clean Water Lakewood?

The improvements on Andrews and Gladys streets are part of our effort to modernize our more than 100-year-old sewer system. Currently, homes on Andrews and Gladys streets are relying on 116-year-old sewer mains and watermain. This project relates to Clean Water Lakewood because it modernizes the sewer system serving these streets. To do that we will line the existing sanitary mains and laterals, which will decrease the potential for leaks. Also, when possible, the existing manholes (where both the storm and sanitary sewer mains pass through) will be separated which will prevent storm water from overwhelming the sanitary sewer system. Reducing the amount of water flowing into the sanitary sewer system means we reduce the chance of a combined sewer overflow.

Although not related to Clean Water Lakewood, since we're working in the street and right-of-way, we'll also be improving the drinking water system that serves these streets. Because of the age of the neighborhood, there may be existing lead pipes that bring water from the watermain in the street to inside the homes. We will replace any lead lines with ductile iron cement lined watermain pipe and copper service lines to meet the latest EPA standards. The watermain replacement work will also increase the volume of flow in the mains, improving the ability for the Fire Department to respond to emergencies.

How will these improvements be paid for?

The City is funding this project through a grant, no interest loans, and revenues from water and sewer rates and impervious surface fees. Property owners and utility customers living on Andrews and Gladys streets will see no additional costs for this project.

What will this project do?

- Replace the watermain on both streets
- If lead water service lines are present, they will be replaced entirely with copper water service lines
- Separate the sanitary and storm sewers on Andrews Avenue
- Recoat the storm and sanitary mains in the street and sanitary sewer laterals in the right of way to prevent leaks
- Install new stormwater and sanitary sewer cleanouts on each property
- Remove storm traps if found
- Install new curbs

- Install new driveway aprons
- Resurface the street and restore the site with street trees and landscaping

How will these improvements benefit residents?

- Improved water quality and water flow
- Better storm drainage
- Improved flow to fire hydrants
- Protection for the environment
- Newly paved streets

When will this project be complete?

This project is expected to be complete in July 2023.

Can I work with the contractor to extend the work (ex: replace entire driveway)?

We understand that homeowners may be interested in extending some of the work the City's contractor is doing, such as driveway replacement. The City will not be able to coordinate additional requests. Though work orders are not guaranteed, homeowners may contract directly with and at the discretion of the City's contractor to see what is possible.

What can I anticipate in terms of parking restrictions and street access?

- No on-street parking will be permitted 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, and some Saturdays when necessary
- We will accommodate residents who need special parking considerations due to physical limitations
- On-street parking will be allowed on the east side of the street after 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and on weekends
- Parking restrictions will change as the project progresses. Signs and digital message boards will be used to display parking restrictions
- Vehicles will be ticketed and towed if they are parked where they shouldn't be

How will I be able to access my street during construction?

- One way traffic will be primarily SOUTHBOUND throughout the project
- A few times during the project one end of the street will be blocked during storm and sanitary sewer separation work or crosswalk installation. When this happens traffic will be permitted to flow in both directions while using the opposite end of the street for access. We'll be sure to tell you in advance of these work tasks so you can be prepared.
- A few times throughout the project, you can expect access to driveways to be delayed as work crosses your property or is performed directly in front of your property
- There will be several times that driveway access will not be permitted for 72 hours during water and sewer lateral work, curb install and driveway apron replacement

Parking and street access sound like they will be a challenge, what's being done to ease the burden on residents?

The parking and street access restrictions are in place to keep everyone safe during construction and to help the City's contractor finish the work as quickly as possible. Here's what we're doing to ease the burden on residents:

- Clifton Boulevard rush hour restrictions will be removed during construction from French to Cook
- City parking lots on Gladys and at Kauffman Park will be available to residents. Note that if you use the Parking Lot-C off of Gladys, all areas will be available to park without a permit except the Private Parking stalls directly behind the businesses and the stalls marked as Blue Permit Parking Only.
- Our contractor will work to maintain clear driveway access for properties in the project area and will only park vehicles that are critical to the project in the project area
- Where possible, we'll temporarily remove parking restrictions to create additional parking capacity on adjacent streets

We encourage you to help your neighbors by parking in driveways as much as possible overnight and on weekends to free up street parking for those on the west side of the street.

How will I know when my home, sidewalk, etc. will be affected?

- The project page: www.lakewoodoh.gov/andrewsgladysproject will include regular updates as construction progresses
- Notices regarding planned interruptions to water, gas, or sewer service will be provided at least two days in advance
- Notices regarding driveway access will be provided at least two days in advance
- Communication with you is a priority. We typically respond the day of your communication
- We will have a full-time, on-site inspector that will become familiar with you and will respond to your needs
- We encourage you to sign up to receive email notices by emailing us at engineering@lakewoodoh.net
- Signs and digital message boards will be used to help you navigate project changes

What if I plan to move, I'm doing work on my home, or I have a big event planned at my home?

We know lots of things can come up during this project and we we'll do our best to accommodate your needs. The earlier you can tell us about your concerns, the more we can do help. Email us at engineering@lakewoodoh.net to tell us what's happening.

What if I have special needs or concerns or need parking accommodations due to a physical limitation?

We are available to discuss this with you privately. Email us at engineering@lakewoodoh.net to tell us about it.

What if I have sprinkler lines or new landscaping in the tree lawn?

We need to know now so we can turn the system on and mark all the irrigation heads. Email us at engineering@lakewoodoh.net to tell us about it.

How do I know the City and its contractor will respect my property and those of my neighbors?
Our [Good Neighbor Commitment](#) will help you know what to expect during this project.

How can I be notified of the most up to date information and who do I contact with my questions/concerns.

Email us at engineering@lakewoodoh.net. Ask to receive Andrews and Gladys Infrastructure Improvements project updates. You can also call us at our Engineering phone number: 216-529-6692. Our City project managers are Brian Shields 216-529-6869 and Mark Papke 216-529-9807.